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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

RAFEY ET AL.

Examiner

Cheryl M. Reid

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 September 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 9-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 9-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-6, 9-18 have been examined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. ***Claims 1, 9, and 13, 2-3, 10-11, (5, 12, 14, 17-18) are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Martino et al (US 6662177) further in view of Nash (US 20010021994).***

3. In regards to claims 1, 9, and 13, Martino teaches of : receiving user profile, wherein the user profile comprises a profile explicitly generated based on a user's input of preferences (col 1, lines 60-67, col 2, lines 25-30,40-45). Martino does not explicitly teach of the remaining limitations. In an analogous art, Nash teaches of implicitly refining the user profile wherein the implicit refining is based on the user's usage patterns of a device (paragraph 0058, lines 16-21), the implicitly refined user profile to control usage of the device (paragraph 0058, lines 21-28), wherein the implicitly refined user profile is used to control what advertisements are selected (used) by the device . It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the arts at the time of the invention

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to incorporate the above teachings because the inventions are analogous art (i.e. relates to delivery of content based on user profile). One of ordinary skill in the arts at the time of invention would have been motivated to make the above modifications because it would result in the delivery of content that the user is interested in which is an advantage as discussed by Nash (paragraph 0007).

4. In regards to claim 2, 11 Martino does not explicitly teach of the limitations.

Nash teaches of implicitly refining comprises refining the user profile according to the user's usage patterns of the device (paragraph 0058, lines 16-21).

5. In regards to claim 3, Martino teaches of explicitly refining comprises enabling the user to modify the user profile based on the user's input of usage preferences (col 4, lines 20-30).

6. In regards to claim 6, 10 Nash teaches of refining the user profile by at least one process selected from the group consisting of explicitly refining and implicitly refining (paragraph 0058, lines 16-28).

7. In regards to claim 5, 12, 14, 17-18 have been set forth in the pervious office action mailed on 2/25/05.

8. *Claims 4, 15-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Martino as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Boe.*

9. In regards to claim 4, 15-16 have been set forth in the pervious office action mailed on 2/25/05.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheryl M. Reid whose telephone number is 571 272 3903. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon- Fri (7-3:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Caldwell can be reached on (571)272-3868. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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